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2. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED RELIABLE REPORTS THAT HABIB CHATTI, BOURGUIBA' S CABINET DIRECTOR, VISITED ALGIERS FOR SEVERAL DAYS LAST WEEK, PRESUMABLY TO SET UP THIS MEETING.
3. DURING SPEECH BEFORE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MORNING MAY 7, BOURGUIBA ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD IN FACT VISIT LE KEF BEGINNING MAY 8. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, MENTION PUBLICLY ANY PLAN TO MEET WITH BOUMEDIENNE, WHICH RAISES SOME DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER MEETING WILL DEFINITELY OCCUR: ( NOR DID CHATTI MENTION MATTER DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH HIM MAY 5.)

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